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Under the Tunney Act I wish to comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement. I feel this settlement is extremely favorable to Microsoft and guarantees their continued status as a monopoly. From what I've read, this settlement does nothing to encourage Microsoft to release their proprietary file formats to other developers. Because of Microsoft's market position, their software and data file formats are the de facto standard of data storage and transmission and until they are forced to release the formats of their Office product line to third party competitors they will remain a monopoly. Thank you.

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